GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4134
ANSWERED ON:20.04.2000
EZHIMALA NAVAL ACADEMY
T. GOVINDAN

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have received any request from the Government of Kerala to cut short delay in setting up of "Ezhimala Naval Academy" in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reaction of the Government thereon; and

(d) the time schedule for its completion and the progress made so far in completing the work in time?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) & (c): Do not arise.

(d) A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4134 FOR 20.4.2000.

The Naval Academy Project was sanctioned on 23 March 1995 to be completed over a period of eight years. The project implementation commenced after signing the consultancy agreement with the architect on 9 January 1998. The delay in signing of agreement occurred due to:-

(i) Lower relative priority by NHQ against other operational needs on account of resource crunch.

(ii) Protracted price negotiation on consultant fee.

(iii) Extended negotiation for delineation of responsibilities between consultant, Naval Headquarters and Ministry of Defence.

2. The project has been accorded high priority from 1999- 2000 and its present status is as follows:-

(a) Consultancy agreement with architect has been signed.

(b) Detailed topographical survey of site, soil investigation and material survey, concept designs of external services, cadets mess and cadets accommodation has been completed.

(c) Sanction for Rs. 2.924 crores being 10% of the total cost of work amounting to Rs. 29.24 crores has been accorded.

(d) The consultant has concurrently commenced work on the concept designs of the academy Main Building complex, including the academic and outdoor training facilities.

(e) The status of basic infrastructure being provided by Government of Kerala is as under:-

(i) Water supply schemes from five bore wells, with associated tanks, to provide 9 lakhs litres per day for the construction phase, has been completed.

(ii) Drinking water scheme for supply of 73 lakhs litres per day of treated water is under construction.

(iii) Electric supply is available for construction phase, through temporarily installed transformers and cables. The 110 KV sub-station for the future functioning of the academy is under construction.

(iv) Road from Payyanur railway station to the site has been completed. A peripheral road skirting the site for use by civilian traffic as a by-pass, is under construction and would be completed in 2000.